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CLAIM OF: SHYTERIA LATROSHA EDWARDS, a minor

through her attorney,

Don Keenan

148 Nassau Street, NW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

For damages alleged to have been sustained  
as a result of personal injuries on May 11,  
2000 at Joel Chandler Harris Homes.

THIS ADVERSED REPORT IS  
APPROVED

BY: *Rosalind R. Newell*  
ROSALIND RUBENS NEWELL  
DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY

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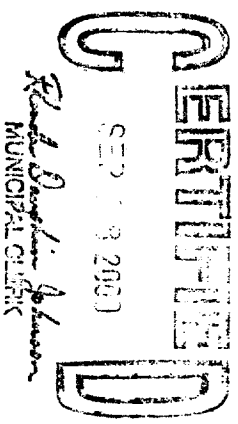
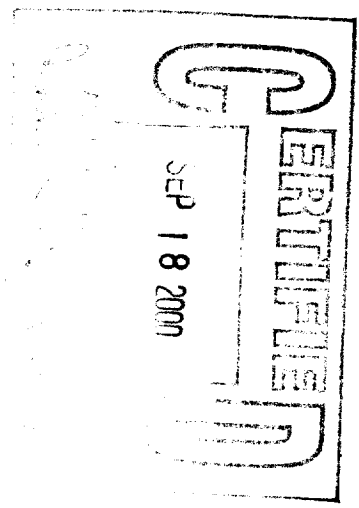
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ADVERSED BY  
CITY COUNCIL SEP 18 2000

September 28, 2000

Don Keenan  
Attorney at Law  
148 Nassau St., NW  
Atlanta, GA 30303

**00-R-1360**

**RE:** Shyteria Latrosha Edwards, a minor

Dear Attorney Keenan:

I sincerely regret that your client has been adversely affected by the circumstances raised in his/her claim for damages against the City of Atlanta. Your time and patience in this matter has been greatly appreciated.

However, I must notify you that the Atlanta City Council Adopted an Adverse Report on your client's claim at its regular meeting on January 03, 2000. In consultation with the City's Law Department, who conducted an investigation of the situation, the Council has determined that the City cannot accept responsibility for this matter and therefore cannot pay this claim.

If you desire any further information, please contact the **City Attorney's Office/Claims Division at (404) 330-6400.**

Yours very truly,

Rhonda Dauphin Johnson, CMC  
Municipal Clerk

**cc: Claims Division/Law Department**

**DEPARTMENT OF LAW - CLAIM INVESTIGATION SUMMARY**

Claim No. 00L0475

Date: August 28, 2000

Claimant /Victim SHYTERIA LATROSHA EDWARDS, a minor  
BY: (Atty) Don C. Keenan  
Address: 148 Nassau Street, NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303  
Subrogation:        Claim for Property damage \$        Bodily Injury \$ not stated  
Date of Notice: 08/04/00 Method: Written, proper X Improper         
Conforms to Notice: O.C.G.A. §36-33-5 X Ante Litem (6 Mo.) X  
Date of Occurrence 05/11/00 Place: Joel Chandler Harris Homes  
Department        Division:         
Employee involved        Disciplinary Action:       

NATURE OF CLAIM: The claimant alleges she was injured while on property belonging to the Atlanta Housing Authority. The Atlanta Housing Authority is a separate legal entity from the City of Atlanta. The claimant's attorney has been advised to pursue her client's claim directly with the Atlanta Housing Authority.


**INVESTIGATION:**

Statements: City employee        Claimant        Others        Written        Oral         
Pictures        Diagrams        Reports: Police        Dept Report        Other         
Traffic citations issued: City Driver        Claimant Driver         
Citation disposition: City Driver        Claimant Driver       

**BASIS OF RECOMMENDATION:**

Function: Governmental        Ministerial         
Improper Notice        More than Six Months        Other        Damages reasonable         
City not involved X Offer rejected        Compromise settlement         
Repair/replacement by Ins. Co.        Repair/replacement by City Forces         
Claimant Negligent        City Negligent        Joint        Claim Abandoned       

Respectfully submitted

  
INVESTIGATOR - DIANNE C. MITCHELL

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Pay \$        Adverse X Account charged: 1A01        2J01        2H01         
Claims Manager:        Concur/date 08-28-00  
Committee Action:        Council Action



LAW  
M. Keenan  
08/08/00  
[Signature]

**VIA CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

2 August 2000

City Council of Atlanta  
55 Trinity Avenue, SW  
Suite 2900  
Atlanta, GA 30335

William C. Campbell, Mayor  
City of Atlanta  
55 Trinity Avenue, SW  
Suite 2400  
Atlanta, GA 30335

**RECEIVED**

The Housing Authority for the City of Atlanta  
Rene Lewis Glover, Executive Director  
739 West Peachtree Street, N.E.  
Atlanta, GA 30308

ENTERED - 8-9-00 - SB  
00L0475 - DIANNE MITCHELL AUG 04 2000

CITY OF ATLANTA  
OFFICE OF MAYOR

**Re: Notice of Claim, Pursuant to O.C.G.A. §36-33-5  
On Behalf of Shyteria Latrosha Edwards, a Minor Child**

Dear Mayor Campbell, Ms. Glover and Council Members:

In compliance with O.C.G.A. §36-33-5, *Deborah Denise Edwards, as Mother of Shyteria Latrosha Edwards, by and through her attorneys of record, Don C. Keenan and The Keenan Law Firm*, does herewith file this claim as follows:

**TIME and PLACE:** On or about 11 May 2000, Shyteria Latrosha Edwards, a minor resident of 991 Sells Avenue, S.W., Atlanta, Georgia (Joel Chandler Harris Homes), was raped and sodomized in her bedroom by an unknown assailant.

**EXTENT OF INJURY:** Rape and sodomy of a twelve (12) year old girl. Shyteria Latrosha Edwards is currently suffering, and will continue to suffer from, physical, mental and emotional injuries of unknown and immeasurable magnitude because of said rape and sodomy.

**NEGLIGENCE WHICH CAUSED SAID INJURIES:**

1. Joel Chandler Harris Homes is owned and/or governed by the City of Atlanta Housing Authority.

**THE KEENAN BUILDING**  
148 NASSAU STREET, N.W., ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30303  
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2. Joel Chandler Harris Homes and/or the City of Atlanta Housing Authority failed to warn the tenants of Joel Chandler Harris Homes of prior criminal activity at Joel Chandler Harris Homes.
3. Joel Chandler Harris Homes and/or the City of Atlanta Housing Authority failed to implement and have in place appropriate security measures for the benefit of the tenants of Joel Chandler Harris Homes.

For these reasons, Deborah Denise Edwards, does claim an action in monetary damages on behalf of her minor child, Shyteria Latrosha Edwards, against Joel Chandier Harris Homes and/or the City of Atlanta Housing Authority.

Respectfully Submitted,

THE KEENAN LAW FIRM

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DON C. KEENAN  
Counsel for Shyteria Latrosha Edwards

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*Stacy M. Blackman*  
STACY M. BLACKMAN  
Counsel for Shyteria Latrosha Edwards

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RCS# 2218  
9/18/00  
2:15 PM

Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

CONSENT

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ADOPT

YEAS: 13  
NAYS: 0  
ABSTENTIONS: 0  
NOT VOTING: 2  
EXCUSED: 0  
ABSENT 1

SEE ATTACHED LISTING OF  
ITEMS ADOPTED/ADVERSED  
ON CONSENT AGENDA

Y McCarty  
Y Starnes  
Y Bond  
Y Winslow

Y Dorsey  
NV Woolard  
Y Morris  
Y Muller

Y Moore  
B Martin  
Y Maddox  
Y Boazman

Y Thomas  
Y Emmons  
Y Alexander  
NV Pitts

ITEM (S) REMOVED FROM  
CONSENT AGENDA  
00-R-1321  
00-R-1322  
00-R-1388  
00-O-1435

**CORRECTED COPY**

CONSENT

		09/18/00 Council Meeting
ITEMS ADOPTED ON CONSENT AGENDA		ITEMS ADVERSED ON CONSENT AGENDA
1. 00-O-1234 2. 00-O-1007 3. 00-O-1015 4. 00-O-1427 5. 00-O-1429 6. 00-O-1432 7. 00-R-1387 8. 00-R-1392 9. 00-R-1395 10. 00-R-1452 11. 00-R-1340 12. 00-R-1323 13. 00-R-1433 14. 00-R-0560 15. 00-R-0561 16. 00-R-1454 17. 00-R-1299 18. 00-R-1308 19. 00-R-1334 20. 00-R-1335 21. 00-R-1338 22. 00-R-1394 23. 00-R-1331 24. 00-R-1330 25. 00-R-1332 26. 00-R-1333 27. 00-R-1337 28. 00-R-1339 29. 00-R-1419 30. 00-R-1426 31. 00-R-1342 32. 00-R-1343 33. 00-R-1344 34. 00-R-1345 35. 00-R-1346 36. 00-R-1347 37. 00-R-1348 38. 00-R-1349 39. 00-R-1350 40. 00-R-1351	41. 00-R-1352 42. 00-R-1353 43. 00-R-1397 44. 00-R-1398 45. 00-R-1399 46. 00-R-1400 47. 00-R-1401 48. 00-R-1402 49. 00-R-1403 50. 00-R-1404	51. 00-R-1357 52. 00-R-1358 53. 00-R-1359 54. 00-R-1360 55. 00-R-1362 56. 00-R-1363 57. 00-R-1364 58. 00-R-1365 59. 00-R-1366 60. 00-R-1367 61. 00-R-1368 62. 00-R-1369 63. 00-R-1370 64. 00-R-1371 65. 00-R-1372 66. 00-R-1373 67. 00-R-1374 68. 00-R-1375 69. 00-R-1376 70. 00-R-1377 71. 00-R-1378 72. 00-R-1379 73. 00-R-1380 74. 00-R-1381 75. 00-R-1382 76. 00-R-1383 77. 00-R-1384 78. 00-R-1385 79. 00-R-1386 80. 00-R-1405 81. 00-R-1406 82. 00-R-1407 83. 00-R-1408 84. 00-R-1409 85. 00-R-1410 86. 00-R-1411 87. 00-R-1412 88. 00-R-1413